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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Bruce Martin Vice President Vintage Communities, Inc. 18401 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 350 Irvine, CA 92612

Dear Mr. Martin:

COVERAGE UNDER GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS – VINTAGE COMMUNITIES, INC., HIDDEN VALLEY BRIDGE DEWATERING OPERATION, CROSSING OF MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY AND LAKE VISTA DRIVE, CORNELL, CALIFORNIA (NPDES NO. CAG994001, CI-8622)

We have completed our review of your application for a permit to discharge waste under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

Based on the attached Fact Sheet and other information provided, we have determined that the proposed groundwater discharge meets the conditions to be regulated under Order No. 97-045, General National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit and Waste Discharge Requirements For Groundwater Discharges from Construction and Project Dewatering to Surface Waters in Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles and Ventura Counties, adopted by this Board on May 12, 1997.

Enclosed are your Waste Discharge Requirements, which also serve as your NPDES permit, consisting of Order No. 97-045 and Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8622. Prior to starting discharge, a representative sample of the effluent shall be obtained and analyzed to determine compliance with the discharge limitations. The discharge limits in Part E and Attachment B of Order No. 97-045 are applicable to your discharge. The groundwater discharge flows into Triunfo Creek, thence to Malibu Lake. Therefore, the discharge limits in Attachment A.5.a of Order No. 97-045 are applicable to your discharge.

The Monitoring and Reporting Program requires you to implement the monitoring program on the effective date of coverage under this permit. All monitoring reports should be sent to the Regional Board, <u>ATTN: Information Technology Unit.</u> When submitting monitoring or technical reports to the Regional Board per these requirements, please include a reference to "Compliance File No. CI-8622 and NPDES No. CAG994001", which will assure that the reports are directed to the appropriate file and staff. Also, please do not combine other reports with your monitoring reports. Submit each type of report as a separate document.

In order to avoid future annual fees, please submit written notification when the project has been completed and the permit is no longer needed.

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We are sending a copy of Order No. 97-045 only to the applicant. For those on the mailing list, please refer to the Board Order previously sent to you. A copy of the Order will be furnished to anyone who requests it.

If you have any questions, please contact Gensen Kai at (213) 576-6651.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Dickerson Executive Officer

Enclosures

General NPDES Permit No. CAG994001, Order No. 97-045 Fact Sheet Monitoring and Reporting Program No. CI-8622 Appendix I – SWRCB Minimum Levels Priority Pollutants List

cc: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Permit Section (WTR-5)

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